



Eltham East Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

2024 Parent Payment Contributions – Year 2

Eltham East Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. In line with the Department's Parents Payments Policy we would like to advise you of Eltham East's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions for the standard curriculum are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

At Eltham East this support has allowed us to expand and enhance our curriculum offerings and provide the best possible programs outside of a basic teaching and learning classroom structure. This includes providing state-of-the-art digital learning opportunities, continually upgrading our facilities and regularly replenishing our library resources.

Please find attached Eltham East Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2024, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us to provide for your children. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please also see a one-page overview attached.

We thank you for your support of the excellent educational opportunities we offer to your child.

Yours sincerely,

Warren Lloyd
Principal

Katie Cramp
School Council President

Eltham East Primary School 2024 Parent Payment Contributions

<u>Curriculum Contributions</u> – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Prep classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom- sticky tape, glue, craft supplies, coloured card, printed resources • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science – shared classroom resources and equipment • Mathematics – numeracy resources • English – literacy resources, including reading books, class sets • Japanese- for example card and origami paper • ELOs consumables 	\$100
Printing and photocopying of learning materials	\$10
Online Subscriptions- including, Essential Assessments and PAT	\$30
Swimming and water safety lessons (subsidised through additional grants)	\$0
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$5
Total amount Curriculum Contributions	\$145
<u>Other Contributions</u> – for non-curriculum items and activities (suggested amounts)	
EEPS Kitchen Garden. Ongoing maintenance and materials	\$15
ICT Infrastructure. ICT resources and infrastructure to maintain our modern up-to-date equipment.	\$30
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$25
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$15
Total amount Other Contributions	\$85

Inline with the amended Parent Payment Policy the costs for the annual swimming lessons will be included in the Curriculum Contributions category, however in 2024, due to additional government grants we have been able to subsidise these costs resulting in no charge to parents.

Educational items for students to own

In order to assist families, EEPS offers a service to parents to purchase student stationery items through an external provider. These items can be ordered online via winc.com.au and using the school specific access key, which is **2WX3Q**. Alternatively parents may choose to provide or purchase some items themselves.

A list of required stationery is available from the school office or on Compass / School Resources tab (pencil) / Stationery Requirements.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Eltham East Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These items include additional curriculum related excursions, incursions, whole-school events. Examples include; a puppet incursion, a visit to the Melbourne Museum, Japanese Studies Day and concert.

These charges are calculated on a term by term basis and are communicated via Compass towards the beginning of the new school year. These are provided on a user-pays basis. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate this on Compass and arrange to make the payments as desired.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Optional extra-curricular items and activities- communicated to parents at the start of Term 1 2024.

Please also be aware that costs for activities such as school camps, Year 6 Graduation and competing at District or Region Sports events are separate and parents will be notified in advance when payment is required.

Financial Support for Families

Eltham East Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty. There are a range of support options, including the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, State Schools Relief and payment plans for Extra-curricular Items and Activities.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Melissa McCarthy (Business Manager) through the school office on 9439 9793 or via email (eltham.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au). All discussions will be treated with sensitivity and in the strictest confidence.

Payment methods

Parent Payment contributions will be collected by the School office. While payment contributions are welcome at any time your contributions would be appreciated by the end of this school year.

Payment via Compass is preferred. Payments via BPay, eftPOS (at office), cheque or cash are also accepted.

You will find a link to further details on your Compass home page Course Confirmation/School Payments (highlighted in yellow).

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

